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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RICORD

- 1. WE UNDERSTAND PARAGUAYAN INTEREST IN ANY TESTIMONY OR OTHER STATEMENTS MADE IN RICORD TRIAL THAT MIGHT IMPLICATE OR CLEAR PARAGUAYANS OF DRUG CHARGES. WE WANT TO BE COOPERATIVE.
- 2. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH JUSTICE AND DEA. RICORD HIMSELF CONTINUES UNCOOPERATIVE AND HAS PROVIDED NO INFORMATION OF VALUE TO GOP. WE NOT BELIEVE TRANSCRIPT OF TRIAL PROVIDES ANY INFORMATION OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO GOP BUT ITS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE IN BEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT. FOR THAT REASON THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGING TO HAVE THE COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT, 1400 PAGES, BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK NEXT WEEK. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO THE PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY TO STUDY AT THEIR CONVENIENCE AND LEISURE. THE EMBASSY COULD, OF COURSE, MAKE COPIES ANY PARTS THEY WISH. AFTER THEY HAVE STUDIED THE

TRANSCRIPT THEY MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH OFFICIALS IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK WHO ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH IT. THEY WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO THIS.

2. WE FEEL THIS IS THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY OF FULLY INFORMING THE GOP ON THIS CASE. TO COPY THE ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT AND SEND IT TO ASUNCION WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AND CUMBERSOME AND PROBABLY NOT AS USEFUL AS REVIEWING IT HERE WHERE IT CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH THOSE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE CASE. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE THE GOP SHOULD HAVE ITS EMBASSY CONTACT THE PARAGUAYAN DESK AT THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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